

## York Preparatory Academy

1047 Golden Gate Ct.

Rock Hill, SC 29732



# South Carolina State Report Card

State and federal laws require public schools to release report cards to the public each year. This year, the report card has been updated to reflect changes in reporting directed by the SC Education Oversight Committee. Schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017 when the state will transition to a single accountability system. The following reports student performance in school year 2014-15.

<b>Grades:</b>	K-12 Middle	<b>Principal:</b>	Dr. TK Kennedy
<b>Enrollment:</b>	1,431 students	<b>Superintendent:</b>	Wayne Brazell, Ph.D.
<b>School Phone:</b>	803-324-4400	<b>Board Chair:</b>	Warren Engle
<b>School Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.yorkprepasc.org">http://www.yorkprepasc.org</a>		



### Profile of the SC Graduate

#### World Class Knowledge

- Rigorous standards in language arts and math for career and college readiness
- Multiple languages, science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), arts and social sciences\*

#### World Class Skills

- Creativity and innovation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration and teamwork
- Communication, information, media and technology
- Knowing how to learn

#### Life and Career Characteristics

- Integrity
- Self-direction
- Global perspective
- Perseverance
- Work ethic
- Interpersonal skills

### WORLD CLASS SKILLS & LIFE AND CAREER CHARACTERISTICS

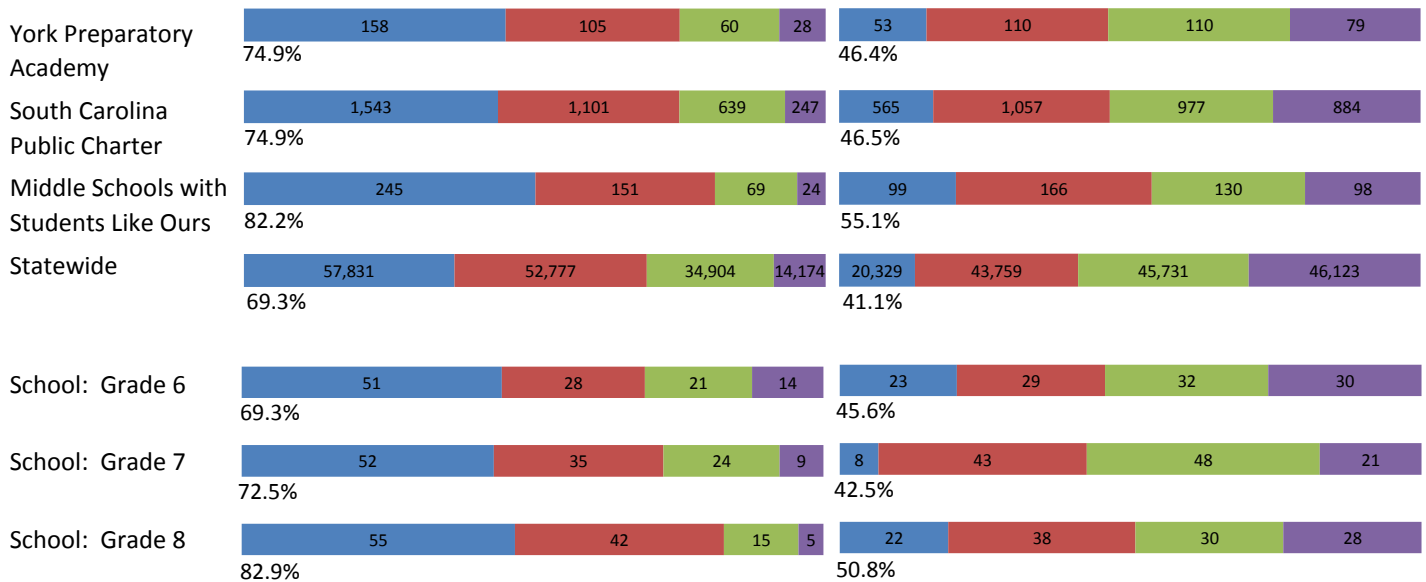
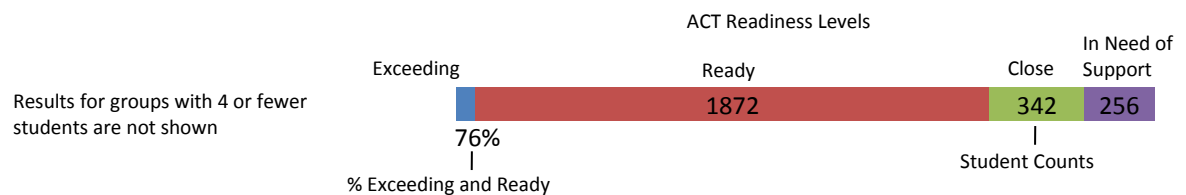
*Our school is helping all students develop the world class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the Graduate by ...*

The 2014-15 school year was the fifth year of operations on York Preparatory Academy's ten-year charter. The school year began with two new principals and the departure of the school's fourth managing director. At the time of this report, the school has received only embargoed data on its performance, so no formal discussion can be presented here. That said, the embargoed data suggests significant improvements in student results in several key areas. The school ended the year with an enrollment of about 1,390 and a waiting list of about 370. In the coming year, the school's focus will be on incorporating data-driven instruction.

\* 21st Century core courses in Social Sciences include History, Geography, Economics, Government and Civics.

**KNOWLEDGE**

The ACT Aspire assessment was given to students in grades 3-8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Reading, English, Mathematics and Writing

**ENGLISH****READING****MATHEMATICS****WRITING**

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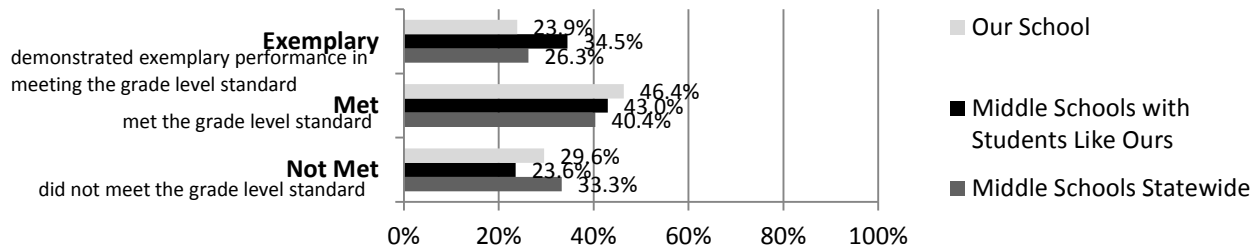
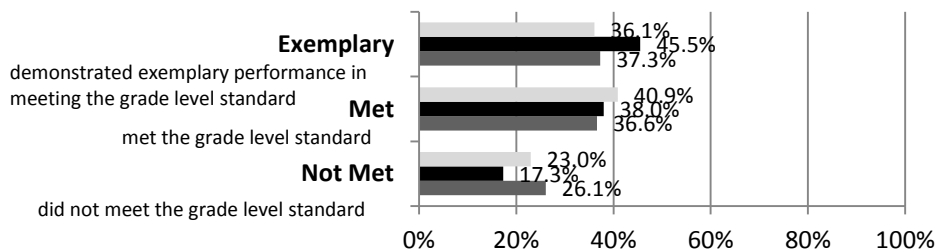
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The SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) was given to students in grades 4 - 8 in Spring 2015. Students were assessed in the subject areas of Science and Social Studies.

**Science****Social Studies****Science SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
64.6	75.8	70.3

**Social Studies SCPASS**

Our School: Percent Met and Above for each grade level

6th grade	7th grade	8th grade
77.2	78.3	75.4

Note: Results include SC-Alt assessment results.

Exemplary

**"Exemplary"**: student demonstrated exemplary performance in meeting the grade level standard.

Met

**"Met"**: student met the grade level standard.

Not Met

**"Not Met"**: student did not meet the grade level standard.

**End of Course Tests**

Percent of tests with scores of 70 or above on:	Our School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	87.7	97.2
English 1	81.7	93.9
Biology 1	77.2	80.7
US History and the Constitution	82.3	82.3
All Subjects	82.5	96.0

Middle Schools with Students Like Ours are middle schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for the school.

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**OPPORTUNITIES**

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with students like ours
<b>Students (n = 1,431)</b>			
Percent of students participating in Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF; homeless, foster, or migrant students (poverty index)	43.4	Down from 43.5%	N/A
Percent of students (grade 7 & 8) enrolled in HS credit courses	1.6	Down from 23.6%	43.2
Attendance Rate	95.5	Up from 95.3%	96.3
With disabilities	9.0	Up from 8.7%	9.2
Out of school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.3	Up from 0.0%	0.4
Percentage of students served by gifted and talented programs	9.5	Up from 7.7%	31.8
Percentage of students retained	0.7	Down from 0.8%	0.5
Annual dropout rate	0.0	No change	0.0
<b>Teachers (n = 87)</b>			
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	42.5	Up from 40.3%	62.5
Percentage of teachers on continuing contract	60.9	Up from 51.9%	81.5
Teachers returning from previous year	83.8	Up from 77.2%	88.4
Teacher attendance rate	95.7	Up from 95.6%	95.0
Average teacher salary*	\$40,214	Up 3.3%	\$47,568
Professional development days / teacher	2.5 days	Down from 17.3 days	10.6 days
Percentage of teacher vacancies for more than 9 weeks	6.0	N/A	0.9
<b>School</b>			
Principal's years at school	1.0	No change	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	25.0 to 1	Up from 24.2 to 1	20.6 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1	Up from 88.4%	90.0
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No change	Good
Opportunities in foreign languages	Excellent	N/A	Poor
AdvancEd (SACS) accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes
Parents attending conferences	66.0	Down from 98.8%	99.7
Character development program	Poor	Down from Fair	Good
Avg. age of books / electronic media in the school library	5.0	N/A	12.0
Number of resources available per student in the school library media center	7.6	N/A	18.8
Bandwidth capacity per student	<25 Mbps	N/C	N/A
Percent of classrooms with wireless access	0-25%	N/C	N/A
District-issued learning devices per student	0.1	N/C	0.7
District-issued technology devices per teacher	0.3	N/C	1.7
Percentage of classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	15.3	Up from 9.3%	1.4
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,953	Down 34.4%	\$7,019
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	43.5	Up from 42.5%	61.8
Percent of expenditures for teachers' salaries**	51.3	Up from 47.9%	63.0

\* Includes current year teachers contracted for 190 days or more.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data are reported.

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**OPPORTUNITIES****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents****Evaluations by Teachers, Students, and Parents**

	<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Students*</b>	<b>Parents*</b>
Number of surveys returned	57	47	80
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.7	59.6	85.0
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6	67.9	82.3
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	89.5	69.6	81.6

\* Only students at the highest middle school grade and their parents were included.

**State Ratings History of School**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Absolute Rating</b>	<b>Growth Rating</b>
2014	Average	Below Average
2013	Average	Below Average
2012	Average	Good

Based on state law, schools will not be rated for state accountability purposes until Fall 2017.

**Additional Resources**

SC State Content Standards  
[Family-Friendly Guides to the SC Content Standards](#)  
[2014-15 Accountability Manual](#)  
[Report Card Data Files](#)  
[ESEA Data Files](#)

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